

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Austin will be held on the 25th day of August, 1959, at the Municipal Building, Eighth and Colorado, in Austin, Texas, at 2:30 P.M. for the purpose of reviewing cemetery and other fees, and considering other matters.

(Sgd) Elsie Woosley
City Clerk

(Sgd) Tom Miller
Mayor
City of Austin, Texas

ATTEST:

(Sgd) Elsie Woosley
City Clerk

CONSENT TO MEETING

We, the undersigned members of the City Council, hereby accept service of the foregoing notice, waiving any and all irregularities in such service and such notice, and consent and agree that said City Council shall meet at the time and place therein named, and for the purpose therein stated.

(Sgd) Lester E. Palmer

(Sgd) Edgar H. Perry, III

(Sgd) Hub Bechtol

(Sgd) Ben White

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Meeting

August 25, 1959
2:30 P.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Miller presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Bechtol, Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller
Absent: None

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works

The Mayor announced that this special meeting was called for the purpose of reviewing cemetery and other fees, and considering other matters.

The Mayor pointed out that the City had lost \$58,000 in the operation of the Cemetery. The City Manager had submitted recommended prices for spaces in Memorial Park Cemetery and Evergreen Cemetery and for baby spaces in Subdivision A, Oakwood. Submitted also were comparisons of prices charged by other cemeteries in and around Austin. MR. SHERMAN BIRDWELL and MR. JOE MANOR represented the funeral directors. They did not favor increasing the price of the single grave spaces in Blocks 9 and 10 of the Memorial Park, the area next to the railroad, nor favored increasing the grave opening charge for those sections. They recommended a park-type development to cut down on maintenance, and were agreeable to raising the charge of grave openings in the rest of the cemeteries; recommended a permanent container in the park-type developments. MR. MANOR stated the funeral directors paid the city direct for the lots and grave openings, and billed the owners direct; and in these \$25.00 lot sections, many times the funeral directors did not collect. MR. DAVE BARROW did not favor raising the prices, as he believed the City would get into competition with private cemeteries, and recommended a careful study, as he did not think the deficit would be eliminated in this manner. After much detailed discussion, the Council deferred action until the following Thursday, August 27th.

The City Manager reviewed STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES; REVENUE, (General Fund); BRACKENRIDGE HOSPITAL ESTIMATED REVENUE 1959-60; AND UTILITY FUND, STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES; and REVENUE, and pointed out the amount of money that had to be produced from some source to offset the expenses for the coming year.

The Council discussed the various recreation fees. It was suggested that a summer golf rate for junior and high school students be set for the morning hours at 50¢. The Mayor stated this would crowd the courses, and suggested that the Junior and High school teams, with proper credentials, be set at the same rate as the University teams. The Mayor asked that statistics be obtained on the 50¢ junior fee, and the Council would look into it.

Councilman Bechtol moved that a \$1.00 entry fee be charged for each golf tournament. The motion was seconded by Councilman Perry. Councilman Palmer offered a substitute motion, moving that a \$1.00 fee be levied on all tournaments except the University of Texas tournaments. The motion was seconded by Councilman White. Councilman Bechtol moved that the motion be tabled. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, lost by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry
Noes: Councilmen Palmer, White, Mayor Miller

Roll call on Councilman Palmer's motion and seconded by Councilman White, that a \$1.00 fee be levied on all tournaments except the University of Texas tournaments, showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Councilman Palmer moved that the following recommended Recreation Fees be approved, excluding the suggested amount for pre school children at the Northwest Pool, Barton Springs and Deep Eddy; and that suggested summer morning fees for juniors on the golf course be studied:

SWIM FEES - Effective Next Spring

Northwest Pool	
Adults	.30*
Minors, High School	.20*
Children 6-12	.10
Pre-school 1-6	.00*
Barton Springs	
Adults	.30*
Minors	.20*
Children 6-12	.10
Pre-School 1-6	.00*
Deep Eddy	
Adults	.30*
Minors	.20*
Children 6-12	.10
Pre-School	.00*

RECREATION CENTERS - Effective Sept. 1

Austin Athletic Club	
Activity Membership	
per term	2.00
No extra activity fee.	
Hancock Recreation Center	

LAKE AUSTIN PARK

Entrance fee per car beginning in May through Labor Day		.50
Week days 3-8 PM) May		
Week ends 10-9 PM)		
June through Labor Day		
Daily 10 AM- 10 PM		

MUNICIPAL GOLF - Effective Oct. 1

Green Fees	
18 Holes) Sat., Sun.	\$1.50
9 Holes) & Holidays	.80
18 Holes Week Days	1.00*
9 Holes After 5 PM	.60*

Membership Fees

Annual	50.00*
1st 6 mos.	30.00*
2nd 6 mos.	20.00*
U.T. Students	15.00*
per semester	
Family:	
2 people	90.00
3 people	130.00

RECREATION CENTERS (cont)

Hancock Recreation Center (cont)	
Activity Membership	
per term	2.00
No extra activity fee	
Pan-American Recreation Center	
Activity Membership	.25

CASWELL TENNIS CENTER - Effective Oct. 1

Membership fees	
Annual	50.00
1st 6 mos.	30.00
2nd 6 mos.	20.00
U.T. Students	
Per Semester	15.00
Junior	
Annual	15.00
Summer	10.00
Court fees per hr.	
(Non members)	.75
Locker fees per year	6.00

Tournament Tennis - Recreation
Dept. sanctioned-\$1.00 per en-
tree for adults and no fee for
juniors

*No change

The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The Council had before the proposed increases for Brackenridge Hospital and went over each item in much detail. Discussion was held also on collecting from the patients who say they can pay, but do not, and which patients cause about a 17% loss. It was suggested that in those cases, that within a reasonable time cases be filed to collect. As to the drugs, the City Manager stated that he wanted to take that up as a separate matter, apart from these rates. After detailed discussion of the Hospital operations and the recommended rates, Councilman Perry moved that the rate per day for New Born babies be increased only 50¢ and the other recommended increase in rates be approved, effective October 1, 1959, as follows:

INCREASE

\$1.00	Day Room Pvt. Patient
.50	Day Pvt. New Born
{ \$5.00	Charge for Recovery Room
{ 75%	of Pvt. Pts.
{ \$5.00	Increase in 1st Hour charge on Major Surgery
\$.50	Hour additional - Anesthesia Supplies
\$5.00	New Procedure
\$4.00	Charge for Pressure Pads and increase in solutions
\$1.50	Increase Pvt. Pt. Visit

MUNICIPAL GOLF (cont)

U.T. Phys. Ed. Classes	.50*
U.T. Intramural prelims.	.50*
U.T. Varsity Team	None*
Locker fees per yr.	6.00*
Tournament Golf	
All tournaments	
except U.T.	1.00

HANCOCK GOLF - Effective Oct. 1

Green Fees	
18 holes) Sat., Sun.,	1.50
9 holes) & Holidays	.80
18 holes - Week days	1.00*
9 holes	.60*
Juniors	.25*

Membership fees

Annual	50.00*
1st 6 mos.	30.00*
2nd 6 mos.	20.00*
U.T. Students per	
semester	15.00*
Family	
2 people	90.00
3 people	130.00
Locker fees per yr.	6.00*

The motion, seconded by Councilman Bechtol, carried by the following vote:
 Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller
 Noes: None

The Council had before it the following:

"August 22, 1959

"Memorandum To: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager
 Memorandum From: Albert R. Davis, Director of Water and Sewer Department
 Subject: Water Tapping Fee Revenue

"In the preceding two years monies collected for taps has included paving cuts which amount to 15% of the total. We estimated for 1959-1960 revenue from taps at \$60,000.00, \$9,000.00 of which is for paving cuts and \$51,000.00 for tapping fees.

"To arrive at this amount we used:

	Present Scale		Suggested Scale
2000 - 3/4" Taps	\$20.00 - \$40,000.00		\$55.00 - \$110,000.00
90 - 1" Taps	30.00 - 2,700.00		70.00 - 6,300.00
36 - 1 1/4" Taps	35.00 - 1,260.00		85.00 - 3,060.00
80 - 1 1/2" Taps	40.00 - 3,200.00		95.00 - 7,600.00
45 - 2" Taps	50.00 - 2,250.00		145.00 - 6,525.00
			<u>\$133,485.00</u>
			2,515.00
			<u>\$136,000.00</u>
4 - 3" Taps	75.00 - 300.00	} Estimated	
8 - 4" Taps	100.00 - 800.00		
2 - 6" Taps	50.00 - 300.00		
Paving Cut	9,190.00		
	<u>\$60,000.00</u>		

"Using the new suggested tap fee schedule we estimate a revenue for 1959-1960 of approximately \$136,000.00

"Sanitary Sewer
 Estimated Revenue 2,320 Taps @ \$25.00 = \$58,000.00
 Paving Cuts 8,000.00
\$66,000.00

New Schedule
 Estimated Revenue 2,320 Taps @ \$50.00 = \$116,000.00

(Sgd) Albert R. Davis
 Director of Water and Sewer Department"

The Council discussed a scale for water and sewer taps. Councilman White moved to amend the recommended changes and approve the scale as follows:

3/4" Taps	\$50.00	1 1/2" Taps	\$90.00
1" Taps	\$65.00	2" Taps	\$130.00
1 1/4" Taps	\$80.00		

The motion, seconded by Councilman Bechtol, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Councilman Bechtol moved that the tax rate be raised five cents (5¢) due to increase in the budget needs on salary increases in various departments. The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The City Manager submitted the following recommendation of Ebasco Services:

"August 11, 1959

"Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr.
City Manager
P. O. Box 1160
Austin 64, Texas

"Recommendations on Electric Rates

Dear Mr. Williams:

"You have retained Ebasco to investigate the electric service rate structure of the City of Austin and to recommend changes that will accomplish these principal objectives:

- "1. Produce at least \$200,000 more net revenue than has been estimated to be produced by the present rates as incorporated in the electric system revenue estimate for Fiscal Year 1960.
- "2. Encourage the improvement of system load factor (and hence future net revenues) by the introduction of a practical, promotional, valley-filling rate device.
- "3. Modernize the rate schedules and their accompanying administrative provisions to recognize the physical and economic changes that have occurred during the score of years since some of the schedules were drafted and to ease the problem of properly administering the electric rate structure.

"Our study of the present rate forms and rate levels has led to the recommended rate schedules attached to this interim report. The drafting of administrative rules and service regulations to complete the recommended rate structure is under way. The two rate schedules attached are intended to supersede the five present rate schedules in this manner:

<u>"Present Rate Designation</u>	<u>Recommended Rate Designation</u>
A - Residential Service)	A - Residential Service
B x 1/2 - Schools & churches	(including schools & churches)
B - Commercial Service)	
C - Power)	B - General Service
D - Power)	
G - Industrial)	

"In the recommended rate structure the general service rate is the established rate for any service for which no special schedule is applicable. The only such special schedule proposed is for residential service. It is proposed to extend the application provision of the residential rate to include service to recognized churches and schools which are presently billed at one half of commercial rate B. Churches and schools would then have the advantage of the special residential rate without demand billing as well as the special promotional winter use rate discussed below.

"RECOMMENDED RESIDENTIAL SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE

"This schedule differs in form from the present schedule in these respects:

- "1. The rate includes a promotional winter use rate block of a form in common use in principal Texas cities. It is believed to be the most promotional rate device known. It is available to any customer. No customer has to qualify for this promotional rate, hence every present customer is a potential prospect for the sale of valley-filling winter loads whether those loads are water heating, resistance heating, heat pump heating or simply longer hours use of present loads. The maximum benefit to the City of Austin in terms of increased net return in future periods will be achieved if the availability of this promotional rate is widely and repeatedly advertised.
- "2. The rate includes a monthly surcharge for three-phase service to help deter the uneconomic expansion of three-phase facilities into purely residential areas that may be quite adequately served in the customary single-phase manner. The availability of three-phase residential service is further restricted to the service of motors of 5 horsepower or larger individual rating.
- "3. The statement of the rate condenses the present separately stated 5.5¢ initial rate block of 25 KWH, and the minimum monthly charge of \$1.00 including 18 KWH into a single block of \$1.20 including 20 KWH. This simply eliminates the present small price block of 7 KWH between 18 and 25.

"In rate level, the recommended residential rate has a maximum increase for any single-phase customer of 57 cents per monthly bill - less than two cents per day maximum increase. There is no increase over the present rate at 25 KWH; between 25 KWH and 280 KWH the increase grows to 57 cents per bill.

"RECOMMENDED GENERAL SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE

"One general service rate schedule is proposed to completely supersede four

present commercial and industrial rate schedules. This is a tremendous stride in modernization and simplification for these classes of service where the present rates are almost impossible to correctly administer.

"Most commercial and industrial loads over 20 kilowatts are presently billed on rate D. Smaller loads and certain large low load factor loads are presently billed on rates B or C. Rates B and C are of the simple block KWH form which does not require demand determination as does rate D which is of the two-part or load factor rate form. In addition to these three present rates there is a somewhat special rate presently available for certain large loads on a contract basis. That this is a rather restricted application rate is illustrated by the fact that there are presently only four customers on rate G.

"The recommended general service rate schedule contains all of the basic rate form features that are presently incorporated in four separate rate schedules. The recommended rate is of the block KWH form for any small commercial load. It closely approximates the present billing on block rates B and C for the mass of customers using up to about 10,000 KWH per month. The recommended rate then becomes a two part rate recognizing the customer's monthly demand and consumption (load factor) for billing of loads larger than 20 kilowatts. For loads substantially over 100 kilowatts the recommended general service rate takes on the principal aspect of present rate G - the ratcheted demand feature.

"Billing every commercial and industrial customer on a single rate schedule eliminates the continual problem of rate selection and review to avoid possible overbilling wherever the four various rates "cross". It relieves the City of an implied though disclaimed responsibility to insure the lowest billing among all applicable rates.

"The problem of proper rate selection is further complicated by the present use of KVA for demand billing in rate D and KW for demand billing in rate G. The recommended rate is based on kilowatts of demand and provides a billing incentive for the customer to maintain a power factor of not less than 85%. This change allows the use of a less expensive instrument for measuring demand than is presently required for rate D customers.

"The recommended general service rate includes a primary service discount provision that would uniformly recognize a rate distinction between a customer taking secondary service and a customer taking primary service. Primary service is here defined as a constituting delivery and metering of service at a voltage not less than 12,500. Implicit in the provision is the recognition that a customer will be required to own, operate and maintain any equipment required to take or utilize service on his side of the point of delivery by virtue of a rule in the companion documents to these rate schedules.

"FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT:

"Both recommended rates contain a "fuel clause" which is designed to automatically pass future increased fuel costs among all revenue customers without the necessity of continually revising the statements of rate levels. The recommended clause is very consistent with the practice of all major Texas utilities in adjusting rates for increased fuel costs. Increases in fuel costs up to the time the recommended rates become effective are considered to be incorporated in these basic rate statements, hence the initial fuel cost adjustment would be expected to be zero.

"We believe the adoption of these two recommended rate schedules will completely satisfy your objectives of revenue increase and promotion of system load factor improvement. The modernization and simplification of the electric rate structure objective will be completely satisfied when the companion documents of service rules and regulations are submitted.

"Very truly yours,
 (Sgd) Wallace W. Carpenter
 W. W. Carpenter
 Senior Rate Consultant"

"CITY OF AUSTIN RESIDENTIAL SERVICE - ELECTRIC RECOMMENDED RATE "A"

"APPLICATION This rate is applicable to all electric service required on premises by customer for single family residential purposes and for service to recognized churches and public schools. Electric service of one standard character will be delivered to one point on customer's premises and measured through one meter.

"CHARACTER OF SERVICE Alternating current, 60 cycles, single phase, 120/240 volt, 3 wire service. Three phase, 120/240 volt, 4 wire service is available only for motors of 5 HP or greater individual capacity and only where the City of Austin has facilities installed for such service.

"NET MONTHLY RATE

Single Phase Service

\$1.20 including the first 20 KWH
 3.6 ¢/KWH for the next 60 KWH
 2.4 ¢/KWH for the next 200 KWH
 1.6 ¢/KWH for all additional KWH, except
 1.1 ¢/KWH for all KWH over 500 per month during
 the Billing months of November thru April

Three Phase Service - Above rate plus \$1.00

Minimum Charge - \$1.20 Single phase; \$2.20 Three phase.

Fuel Cost Adjustment - The above energy charges shall be increased or decreased by .004¢/KWH for each whole one quarter of a cent by which the average delivered cost of fuel during the next preceding six calendar months exceeds 18 cents or is less than 16 cents per million BTU.

"PAYMENT Bills computed at the Net Monthly Rate are due when rendered and are payable within 15 days from date of bill. Bills not so paid shall be the bill as rendered plus 10%.

"CITY OF AUSTIN GENERAL SERVICE - ELECTRIC RECOMMENDED RATE B

"APPLICATION This rate is applicable to all electric service required on premises by customer for which no specific schedule is applicable. Electric service of one standard character will be delivered to one point on customer's premises and measured through one meter.

"CHARACTER OF SERVICE Alternating current, 60 cycles.

Single Phase - 120/240 or 125/216 volt, three wire service
 Three Phase - 120/240 or 125/216 volt, four wire service.
 277/480, 4,160, 12,500 or 69,000 volt service is
 available for certain loads where the City of
 Austin has facilities installed for such service.

"NET MONTHLY RATE

6.0 ¢/KWH for the first 50 KWH
 3.5 ¢/KWH for the next 550 KWH
 2.7 ¢/KWH for the next 2400 KWH*
 1.2 ¢/KWH for the next 5000 KWH*
 0.6 ¢/KWH ~~and~~ additional KWH.

*Add 100 KWH for each KW of Billing Demand from 20 to 100 KW,
 and 70 KWH for each KW of Billing Demand over 100 KW.

Minimum Charge - \$1.20 plus \$1.50 per KW of Billing Demand.

Fuel Cost Adjustment - The above energy charges shall be increased or
 decreased by .004¢/KWH for each whole one quarter of a cent by which
 the average delivered cost of fuel during the next preceding six
 calendar months exceeds 18¢ or is less than 16¢ per million BTU.

"BILLING DEMAND When consumption exceeds 10,000 KWH in any billing month,
 Maximum Demand will be determined. Billing Demand shall then be the greater
 of the current Maximum Demand or the excess over 100 KW of the highest
 Maximum Demand in the preceding eleven billing months.

"MAXIMUM DEMAND The kilowatt demand during the fifteen minute interval of
 greatest use during the current billing month as indicated or recorded by
 metering equipment installed by the City of Austin. When power factor during
 the interval of greatest use is less than 85%, Maximum Demand shall be deter-
 mined by multiplying the indicated demand by 85% and dividing by such lower
 peak power factor.

"PRIMARY SERVICE Where service is delivered and metered at a voltage of
 12,500 volts or higher, the amount computed under the above Net Monthly Rate
 shall be discounted by 4%.

"PAYMENT Bills computed at the Net Monthly Rate are due when rendered and are
 payable within 15 days from date of bill. Bills not so paid shall be the bill
 as rendered plus 10%."

The City Manager went over the rates with the Council. After discussion,
 Councilman Palmer moved that the schedule of rates as recommended by the City
 be adopted as follows:

Residential Service Electric Rate:

\$1.20 including the first 20 KWH
 3.6 ¢/KWH for the next 60 KWH
 2.4 ¢/KWH for next 200 KWH
 1.6 ¢/KWH for all additional KWH, except
 1.1 ¢/KWH for all KWH over 500 per month during
 the billing months of November through April

Minimum Charge - \$1.20
 Fuel Cost Adjustment (as set out in report)
 10% Discount if bill paid within 15 days from date of bill.

General Service Electric Rate
 6.0 ¢/KWH for the first 50 KWH
 3.5 ¢/KWH for the next 550 KWH
 2.7 ¢/KWH for the next 2400 KWH*
 1.2 ¢/KWH for the next 5000 KWH*
 0.6 ¢/KWH all additional KWH

*Add 100 KWH for each KW of Billing Demand from 20 to 100 KW,
 and 70 KWH for each KW of Billing Demand over 100.

Minimum Charge - \$1.20 plus \$1.50 per KW of Billing Demand
 Fuel Cost Adjustment (as set out in report)

10% Discount on bills paid within 15 days from date of bill.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
 Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller
 Noes: None

Councilman Palmer moved that they decide on Cemetery Fees and other fees
 the following Thursday. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by
 the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller
 Noes: None

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 8:00 P.M.,
 subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Tom Miller
 Mayor

ATTEST:

Elsie Hoosley
 City Clerk